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SUBJECT:PRE-IG REVIEW OF FY 1976-77 TRINIDAD CASP

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1. PRE-IG REVIEWED TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CASP ON MAY 27.
CASP WAS WELL ORGANIZED. PRE-IG NOTED THAT TWO MONTH DELAY
IN CASP SUBMISSION CAUSED RESCHEDULING PROBLEMS INVOLVING
OTHER COUNTRIES. WHILE MAJOR ISSUE RAISED IN CASP(INVEST-
MENT POLICY) IS MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE BILATERAL CONSIDER-
ATION LIKELY TO FACE USG DURING CASP TIME FRAME, THE ISSUE
WAS SATISFACTORILY ADDRESSED IN 1975/76 CASP AND THE
DECISION MEMORANDUM, JULY 9, 1974, REMAINS BASIS OF U.S.

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POLICY REGARDING U.S. INVESTMENTSIN AND SALES OF CAPITAL

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT TO TRINIDAD. MOREOVER, CASP EVALUATION REPORT (PAGE 21) INDICATED THAT PROGRESS WAS SATISFACTORY ON IMPROVING U.S. INVESTMENT POSITION IN TRINIDAD AND IN MAXIMIZING U.S. EXPORTS TO TRINIDAD. PRE-IG RECOMMENDED THAT ISSUE NUMBER ONE BE DOWNGRADED TO A NON-MAJOR ISSUE AND ACCORDINGLY WILL RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN THAT CASP BE APPROVED WITHOUT FORMAL NSC-IG/ARA MEETING. SUCH DOWNGRADING DOES NOT IMPLY ANY DIMINUTION IN THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THIS ELEMENT OF POLICY; IT MERELY MEANS THAT

IN THE VIEW OF THE MISSION AND THE PRE-IG THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED ISSUE RESOLUTION REMAINS A SATISFACTORY WAY OF ADDRESSING THE ISSUE.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY JUNE 8 EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS.

A. DOWNGRADE ISSUE NUMBER ONE TO A NON-MAJOR ISSUE.

B. PAGE 1 - DELETE 4TH SENTENCE, PARAGRAPH 3, WHICH READS "FURTHERMORE, THIS IS A REGION...AND SPACE FACILITIES."

C. PAGE 2 - ADD FOLLOWING FOOTNOTE TO 3RD SENTENCE, PARAGRAPH 1, "PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS CRITICIZED MULTI-NATIONALS AT ECLA CONFERENCE HELD MAY 6-15 IN PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD."

D. PAGE 6-7 - DELETE ISSUE ANALYSIS.

E. PAGE 10 - UNDER SIGNIFICANCE OF CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES, DELETE FIRST SENTENCE. IN SECOND SENTENCE, DELETE WORDS "HOWEVER" AND "THOUGH MINISCULE".

F. PAGE 11 - PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 - WHILE FACTUALLY ACCURATE, DO NOT RELATE AS PRESENTLY WRITTEN TO OPEN CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTED REVISION.

G. PAGE 18 - PRE-IG SUGGESTED REVISION OF STATEMENT OF SECRET

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U.S. INTEREST IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (PAGE 17-18) TO REFLECT INTERAGENCY VIEWS ON PROPOSED LOANS IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY AID TEAM SUBSEQUENT TO SUBMISSION OF CASP. SENTENCES 3 AND 4 IN PARAGRAPH 2, PAGE 18, REVISED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "AN AID LOAN/GRAANT COMBINATION IS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR TWO REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS (THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES AND THE CARIBBEAN AGRI-

CULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE) WHICH HAVE FACILITIES LOCATED IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. THE EMBASSY FULLY SUPPORTS U.S. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER RELATED FORMS OF AID TO THESE INSTITUTIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT USG FUNDING COULD BE PROVIDED FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, ETC.) FOR THESE INSTITUTIONS IN AREAS RELATED TO THE REGION'S DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS AND IN A MANNER WHICH ATTEMPTS TO RE-DIRECT THE UWI'S ACTIVITIES TOWARDS THE LESS DEVELOPED STATES AND TERRITORIES OF THE REGION.

H. CASP GUIDANCE DOCUMENT RECOMMENDED STATEMENT ON NATIONAL DEFENSE UNDER SECTION III: INTEREST, POLICY AND RESOURCE ANALYSIS. EVALUATION REPORT IN THIS YEAR'S CASP (PAGE 21) STATES PROGRESS OF U.S. NATIONAL DEFENSE OBJECTIVES HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY IMPLYING THAT THERE ARE ON GOING NATIONAL DEFENSE ACTIVITIES IN 1975/76 CASP. PRE-IG RECOMMENDS THAT EMBASSY DRAFT STATEMENT WHICH TOUCHES ON BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO RE-ENTRY RIGHTS, OMEGA STATION, ETC. OR PROVIDE REASON THAT SECTION ON U.S. NATIONAL DEFENSE SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED. INGERSOLL

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